

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please cancel the previously filed abstract of the disclosure and enter the new abstract of the disclosure submitted herewith in its place.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- According to the present invention, a lock is provided for a door of a motor vehicle. The lock includes a closing mechanism designed for coupling with a lock striker along a direction of relative coupling. The closing mechanism includes a supporting body having a housing seat for receiving an engagement portion of the lock striker. An elastically compliant buffer delimits the housing seat at least in the aforesaid direction of relative coupling in order to define damped arrest of the engagement portion of the lock striker. The buffer is coated on its surface, in an area of interaction with the engagement portion of the lock striker, by a rigid protective shield. The shield is ~~securely retained on~~ fixedly secured to the buffer by ~~snap-fitting opposite lateral edges of the shield around the buffer.~~ --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The shield or plate 40 is also U-shaped and has opposite lateral edges 41 folded around the buffer 30. In particular, the plate 40 is ~~preferably securely retained on~~ fixedly secured to the second end 33 of the buffer 30 by forcing ~~or snap-fitting~~ the opposite lateral edges 41 of the plate 40 around the buffer 30. For ease of installation, the shield 40 can be ~~snap-fitted~~ fixedly secured to the second end 33 of the buffer 30 prior to coupling of the buffer 30 with the supporting body 4 such that the buffer 30 and shield 40 are a one-piece component. --

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